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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Chairwoman Committee on Appropriations H-307 The Capitol Washington, D.C. 20515 The Honorable Kay Granger Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations 1036 Longworth House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting \$1,000,000.00 in fiscal year 2023 community project funding for "**Bridgewater State University, Department of Aviation**" located in New Bedford, MA. The entity to receive funding is Bridgewater State University with offices located at 131 Summer Street, Bridgewater, MA 02325.

This project will allow Bridgewater State University (BSU) to improve and expand their Aviation Training Center at New Bedford Regional Airport. The existing program at BSU is the largest collegiate aviation facility in New England.

This funding is a good use of taxpayer dollars because it will allow the publicly-funded University to fulfill four main objectives: educate more students to become professional airline pilots, increase the number of pilots to help to fill a national workforce shortage, stimulate local economic development, and play a major role in diversifying the aviation industry.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

William R. Keating

Member of Congress